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a maximum has been 170-180 years, and population ... increased roughly five-fold; in Japan the interval from the beginning to the estimated future date of maximum population will have been 120-130 years (the effects of this war apart), and population in that interval is likely to have grown three or four-fold. A similar development in Asia would give that continent a population, a century and a half hence, of some thousands of millions. Is the possible rate of expansion of the world's food supply sufficient to support this without increased stringency elsewhere? It may well be; the answer to the question depends on the unpredictable march of technology. Or again, may not fertility decline without very extensive industrialization, as it long since did in rural France, and has done more recently in many parts of Eastern Europe? The answer there depends largely on cultural details whose significance is still largely unexplored. In no other branch of the social sciences can one see a generation ahead with such clarity as in the new demography, but even there, beyond that distance, the view is so obscure that it is of little use to look.

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THE RUSSO-POLISH TREATY

THE following is the text of the Treaty signed between the Soviet Government and the Lublin Provisional Government of Poland on April 21:

"(1) The high contracting parties will continue jointly with all the United Nations the struggle against Germany until final victory, the high contracting parties undertaking to render each other military and other assistance in the struggle by every means at their disposal.

"(2) The high contracting parties, convinced that the interests of security and prosperity of the Soviet Union and Polish peoples call for the preservation and strengthening of a permanent friendship during the war and after it, will strengthen the friendly collaboration between the two countries in conformity with the principles of mutual respect for their independence and sovereignty as well as non-interference in the internal affairs of the other State.

"(3) The high contracting parties undertake also after the termination of the present war with Germany to take jointly all measures at their disposal in order to eliminate every threat of repetition of aggression on the part of Germany or any other State which would unite with Germany directly or in any other form. To achieve this aim, the high contracting parties will take part in the spirit of the most sincere collaboration in all international actions aimed at ensuring the peace and security of nations and will contribute their full share for the materialization of these lofty aims. The application of the present

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treaty by the high contracting parties will conform to international principles in the adoption of which both contracting parties took part.

"(4) In the event of one of the high contracting parties in the post-war period finding itself involved in hostilities with Germany, who may have resumed her aggressive policy, or with any other State which may have united with Germany directly or in any other form in such a war, the other high contracting party will immediately render the contracting party involved in hostilities military or other assistance and support by every means at its disposal.

"(5) The high contracting parties are not to conclude without mutual consent an armistice or peace treaty either with the Hitler Government or with any other Government in Germany which encroaches or might encroach upon the independence, territorial integrity, or security of either of the high contracting parties.

"(6) Each high contracting party undertakes not to conclude any alliance and not to take part in any coalition directed against the other high contracting party.

"(7) The high contracting parties will after the termination of the present war collaborate in a spirit of friendship with a view to the further development and consolidation of economic and cultural ties between the two countries and assist each other in the economic rehabilitation of both countries.

"(8) The present treaty enters into force from the moment of its signing, and is subject to ratification within the shortest possible time. The exchange of ratification Notes will take place in Warsaw as soon as possible. The present agreement will remain valid for 20 years from this day.

"Should neither of the high contracting parties give notice of its desire to terminate the treaty 12 calendar months before the expiration of this 20-year period, the treaty will remain valid for a further period of five years, and thus each time until one of the high contracting parties gives notice 12 months before the expiration of the current five-year period of its intention to denounce the treaty."

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